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Hon. James Forrestal
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please permit me, as a civilian citizen of the United States, to make a suggestion that might be helpful to our plan of National Defense.

It appears probable that sooner or later hostilities will break out between the United States and Russia. When that time comes we must be prepared to gain swift control of that most vitally strategic area on the Western border of Russia -- the Republic of Finland.

This little country and its patient, hard working people have fought for centuries to protect themselves from Russian domination. They are even now patiently waiting to be rescued from their oppressors. The sentiment of the people is overwhelmingly anti-Communist. They are trying hard to meet the unreasonable and pitiless demands of the Soviet Government and hoping that the United States or perhaps the United Nations will soon liberate them.

It seems urgent, to me, that we send our agents to Finland at once to obtain information and to prepare the way for swift military action when the emergency has to be met. If you need someone who has contacts over there and who speaks their language, I should be glad to help. I am a time study engineer with a rather extensive background of experience in steel, automotive, and chemical plants. I am employed by the [redacted] but could probably be spared for a limited period.

Yours respectfully,

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